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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 7447
Hisashi ISAKA : Docket No. 2002-0217A
Serial No. 10/067,369 : Group Art Unit 1762
Filed February 7, 2002 : Examiner R. Sellers
CURING COMPOSITION

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated July 3, 2003.

REMARKS

With regard to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby affirm the election of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-19 drawn to a composition comprising cyclic ether(s).

On the Election of Species Requirement:

With regard to Species (A), Applicants hereby elect "1) polycyclic ether compound (a-1) alone wherein a particular species is identified such as Celoxide 2021P (i.e., 3,4-epoxycyclohexylmethyl-3,4-epoxycyclohexanecarboxylate).

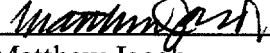
With respect to metal triflates of Species (B), Applicants hereby elect "zinc triflate".

As for Species (C), Applicants hereby elect "presence of water".

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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